

Transport Vehicles.

35. *SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the State Motor Transport Vehicles are exempted from the provisions of the Travancore Motor Vehicles Act?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : No; except in respect of sections 40 (1), 61 and 89.

Shuttle service between Alwaye and Parur.

36. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Transport has received any representation regarding the running of a shuttle service between Alwaye and Parur; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (a) Yes.

(b) The number of shuttle services (Express) was increased.

State Transport Buses.

37. *MR. J. T. MORAIS : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many buses have been newly put on the line by the State Transport Department in 1121; and

(b) what is the total number of buses now running on the routes taken up by the State Transport Department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (a) 32.

(b) 131.

MR. J. T. MORAIS : With reference to part (b) of the answer, may I know whether the Government consider that this number is sufficient for operating the services?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : That is why we have ordered for more.

MR. J. T. MORAIS : May I know for how many more the Government have placed orders?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : We are trying to get as many as we can get.

MR. J. T. MORAIS : May I know whether Government have any idea of the number necessary to operate on these lines?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : No, but we are trying to get as many as we can.

MR. J. T. MORAIS : May I know whether they know the number necessary now?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : For the lines already taken up? About 100 more.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Then are we to understand that the lines were taken up before proper estimates of the required number were prepared?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : We estimated correctly, but we were not able to get the number required.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Why did the Government take up those lines when they had not the number of vehicles necessary to operate on them?